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Dismissals go out unless funds arrive, UNRWA staff told

By Lima Nabil

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 19 — UNRWA's director in Jordan told a heated meeting with Jordanian employees of the agency today that UNRWA will go ahead with plans to issue dismissal notices to teachers in Jordan unless it gets more money to keep its schools open.



John Tanner

John Tanner, director in charge of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, is to leave tomorrow for Vienna where he will discuss UNRWA's funding difficulties with UNRWA's funding director General Olof Rydbeck.

notices to the teachers according to plan. However, things will be cleared up at the meeting with Mr. Rydbeck in Vienna, Mr. Tanner added. The employees' representatives told Mr. Tanner that they will refuse the termination notices on the grounds that UNRWA has no right to take unilateral action independent of the U.N. General Assembly...

Hussein returns from Britain



His Majesty King Hussein returned home Sunday night from London at the end of a private visit to Britain. Her Majesty Queen Noor returned on the same plane after spending a private vacation in France. During his stay in England, King Hussein met with Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, and Defence Secretary John Foot. His Majesty also lectured at the British Military Staff Academy in Camberley where he outlined a five-point programme for Gulf security.

Start of 3-day Saudi visit U.K. has neglected Gulf, Thatcher tells Khaled

RIYADH, April 19 (Agencies) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, wearing a net veil, met King Khaled of Saudi Arabia tonight soon after starting an official visit and told him of Britain's renewed interest in the Gulf region's security. Sources close to the British party said there had been "a very good start" to the visit. The king and the prime minister spent 30 minutes discussing the Middle East and the Soviet presence in Afghanistan.

No torturing here, Iran probers decide

TEHRAN, April 19 (R) — Accusations of torture in Iranian jails made by President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr are totally unfounded, a member of an official investigating commission said today. The commission had failed to find a single case of torture in the prisons, Hojatoleslam Mohammad Montazeri told the official Pars news agency after the commission had met to conclude its report. "Instances of physical mistreatment of convicts were few and they were committed by unauthorised people," he said.

10 named to U.S.-Iran claims panel

TEHRAN, April 19 (R) — Iran today announced the appointment of 10 lawyers to the Iran-United States claims tribunal set up to settle the fate of billions of dollars of Iranian assets held in the U.S. The tribunal, which will probably sit in The Hague, forms part of the Algiers agreement of Jan. 19 under which Iran released 52 American hostages in exchange for the return of its assets frozen by ex-president Jimmy Carter.

16 die, 40 hurt as Israeli allies bombard Sidon

SIDON, April 19 (Agencies) — Israeli-backed rightist militias in southernmost Lebanon shelled this Lebanese port city today, killing 16 people and wounding 40 in a crowded cafe and a restaurant, the governor's office reported.

The attack was in apparent revenge for the deaths of three militiamen whose vehicle hit a landmine planted by Palestinian-leftist forces. Hospital sources said one Sidon victim had both legs blown off and several others were critically injured. Some people were hit by flying glass. The Beirut-based "Voice of Lebanon" radio station of the right-wing Falangist Party said grenade-throwing leftist gunmen attacked and burned the Maronite Christian archbishopric and the Greek Catholic church in Sidon to avenge the shelling.

Warring sides invited to talk peace in Kuwait

BEIRUT, April 19 (Agencies) — Kuwait's foreign minister says he has reservations about renewing the mandate for the Syrian peacekeeping forces in Lebanon and has invited all warring factions in Lebanon to hold a round-table conference in Kuwait, an independent English-language weekly reported today. "Opposition to ADF (the predominantly Syrian Arab Deterrent Force) presence is one thing and extending the mandate is another," Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah was quoted by Monday Morning as saying. "What I'm saying is that I have reservations about the extension of the mandate and that I will not pay (Kuwait's share of the budget) because the report which the ADF is supposed to submit to the Arab League Council has not been submitted."

Arms deal swindle costs Iran \$56m, Nabavi tells press

TEHRAN, April 19 (R) — Iran admitted today it had lost \$56 million in an arms deal swindle in Europe while trying to get badly needed supplies for its war against Iraq. Asked at a press conference about local rumours that 560 million rials (\$7.5 million) sent to France to buy arms had been stolen by Iranian representatives, chief government spokesman Behzad Nabavi said, "It is not 56 million tomans but \$56 million." This was the first official report by Iran to obtain arms outside government channels in its seven-month-old war with Iraq. Mr. Nabavi, answering written questions, said the Iranian charge d'affaires in Spain, responsible for overseeing the purchase, had been recalled to Tehran to explain the swindle. Iran's Bank Mellat in Paris had paid \$56 million against shipping documents which turned out to be incomplete, he said, but added, "The government has frozen the money and a court is investigating the matter."

Senate foes may force delay in AWACS sale

WASHINGTON, April 19 (A.P.) — Heavy Senate opposition may force U.S. President Ronald Reagan to postpone a military aircraft sale to Saudi Arabia rather than risk a congressional defeat that would jeopardise his Gulf policy. (Editorial on page 4) An Associated Press poll indicates that of the 65 senators whose opinions about the plane sale, 45 already are inclined to vote against it — 34 firm and 11 leaning. Twenty members, a bare fifth of the Senate, were found to be undecided or committed to vote for the sale. The remaining 35 were undecided or could not be reached in the survey of all 100 senators or their offices. They think they (the Reagan administration) have made a judgment it's going to cause a lot of trouble and they'd better put it off," a Senate staff aide said. Congress must be given a chance to reject the proposed sale which would include five flying AWACS command posts, plus two cruise missiles and long-range fuel tanks to enhance the 62 F-15 fighters the Saudis already have on order. Secretary of State Alexander Haig testified that the Saudi sale is needed to forge a "strategic consensus" uniting Gulf countries against Soviet expansion.

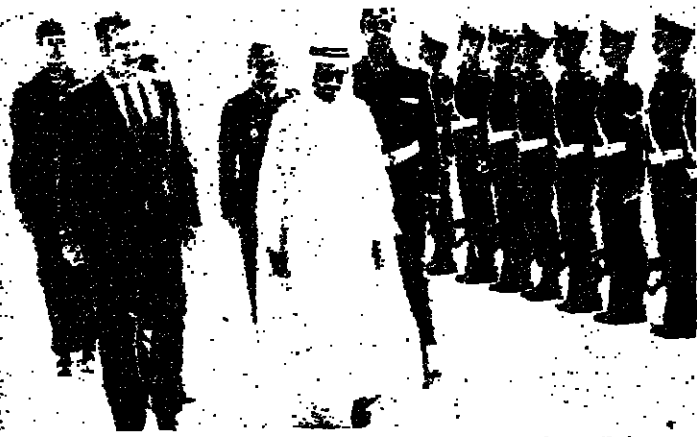
Non-aligned session asks U.N. sanctions against South Africa

GENEVA, April 19 (R) — Foreign ministers from Non-aligned countries called on the United Nations Security Council today to impose mandatory sanctions on South Africa to force it out of Namibia (South West Africa). A "programme of action" for Namibia's independence adopted at a three-day meeting in Algiers, the Non-aligned Coordination Group said the sanctions should include an oil embargo. South Africa has administered Namibia in defiance of the United Nations since 1966 when the world organisation withdrew Pretoria's mandate for the former German colony. The 34-member bureau said that if the Security Council failed to impose sanctions the Non-aligned nations would support "the convening of an emergency special meeting of the General Assembly to discuss the question of Namibia and take appropriate measures under the Charter." It was taken as a clear reference to an expected veto by Western powers at the Security Council's special meeting on Namibia later this week. Addressing the closing session of the Non-aligned meeting, Algerian Foreign Minister Mohamed Benyahia made it clear that the meeting's main mission would be to test the Western nations' determination to impose Namibia's independence on South Africa. He called for an increase in military assistance to the liberation struggle in South West Africa. People's Organisation for the Liberation of South Africa (P.O.L.S.A.) said that the Non-aligned countries wanted the negotiation to succeed. A conference denounced what it said were moves on the part of the Reagan administration aimed at destabilising the African "line" states and strengthening its relations with South Africa. The meeting also called on the international community to "expressively denounce the Washington-Tel Aviv-Pretoria axis." Front-line states — Botswana, Angola, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia — expressed reservations about sanctions against South Africa because of their economic dependence on Africa, conference sources said. Sources said that an initial Algerian draft was hardened by the conference, which decided to set up a boycott of all banks and national corporations operating in South Africa. These might be followed by development projects in Non-aligned nations.



# NATIONAL

## Qatari aide departs



AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — The Qatari Interior Minister, Sheikh Khaled Ibn Hamad Al Thani, and his delegation left Amman today at the end of a four-day official visit to Jordan.

During the visit, the delegation was received in audience by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, and held talks with Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Interior Minister Suleiman Arar and other officials, to discuss bilateral cooperation in civil defence, security and civil affairs. The delegation also toured several security and defence centres in Jordan and looked into their activities and services.

## Badran stresses the importance of the RSS

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran today stressed the government's readiness to support scientific research projects carried out by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS).

Speaking during a visit to the RSS, Mr. Badran said that the government will earmark the necessary funds to assist the society to pursue its research work. He also emphasised the importance of cooperation between the RSS and the public and private sectors, and Jordan's universities.

The prime minister also toured the RSS' various sections and looked into their activities, and then held a meeting with the RSS director Dr. Albert Butros, who briefed him on the society's work, activities and services.

Dr. Butros also spoke about the society's financial situation and its future programmes, as well as projects being carried out jointly with other Arab states and RSS participation in regional and international seminars and conferences.

## Max speed set at 90

AMMAN, April 19 (J.T.) — The maximum speed on roads outside city limits in Jordan has been reduced to 90 kilometres an hour by regulations published in the latest issue of the official gazette.

The speed limit for trucks and buses, according to the regulations, is now 80 kilometres an hour.

Vehicles will still have to obey posted speed limits where they are lower than the new maximum speed. Formerly, the top speed for small cars was 100 kilometres an hour.

## Police nab 3 killers

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — The three assassins who took part in the murder of two teachers in Ajloun District last month have been arrested by security forces, the Public Security Directorate announced here last night.

The three men, who killed the two teachers on March 16 as they were boarding a bus to go to work had escaped after committing their crime, the announcement said.

Security men conducted an intensive search throughout the country and were able to arrest the assassins with the help of the public, it added.

The names of the assassins were given as Houd Ali Qoudah, Isa Mohammad Hassan and Ali Mustafa Abdul Rahman, all from Ajloun.

## Today is Children's Day

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — Celebrations to mark National Children's Day will start tomorrow with the main cultural event at Al Hussein Youth City, Dr. Izzat Jaradat, secretary general of the Year of the Child Committee, announced here today.

He said that children from all over the country will participate in a three-day painting exhibition to open at the Palace of Culture, in which 450 paintings by children will be put on display.

Other governorates will hold similar exhibitions to mark the occasion, Dr. Jaradat said.

He added that the celebrations, the first of their kind in Jordan, are aimed at expressing the country's concern for and interest in the development of children's talents.

## Jordan holds swimming competition

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — The first official swimming competition in Jordan was held at Al Hussein Youth City's winter swimming pool today under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent.

The president of the national federation of swimmers, Mr. Abdullah Abu Nuwwar, said in a speech on the occasion that the federation is currently training a national team of swimmers to take part in regional and international swimming competitions, and has decided to establish a centre for training children and young people to swim.

Taking part in today's competition were 104 male and female competitors, and the winners received prizes and medals from Crown Prince Hassan at the end of the competition.

## Vocational training seminar opens here

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani opened at the Amman Industrial School today a seminar on vocational training organised by the Ministry of Labour's Vocational Training Corporation in cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

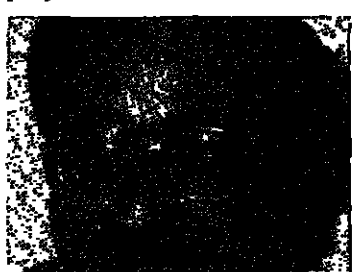
In an opening speech, the minister outlined the importance of the seminar, whose participants act as liaison officers between their firms or institutions and the Vocational Training Corporation.

Jordan will need nearly 150,000 more workmen of various specialisations to implement projects contained in the coming five-year economic plan, the minister said.

Participants in the eight-day seminar will discuss subjects connected with vocational training policy and the manpower planning

needs of the private, industrial, agricultural and mining sectors.

The 16 participants in the seminar represent the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Public Works, the Vocational Training Corporation, the Arab Potash Company, the Jordan Phosphates Mines Company, the Jordan Cement Factories Company, the Jordan Electricity Authority and the Jordanian Electricity Company.



Jawad Al Anani

## Dudin leaves for FAO conference

AMMAN, April 19 (J.T.) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin left Amman for Rome today at the head of a delegation to the 15th regional conference of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Participants in the five day conference, which starts on Tuesday, will discuss agriculture in the Middle East and then report to the FAO's general conference, to be held in Rome in the last quarter of this year, Mr. Dudin said in a pre-departure statement.

The conference will be attended by ministers and other senior officials of 24 Middle East countries, as well as by delegations from international and Arab organisations.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

- Exhibitions**
- Under the patronage of Dr. Adnan Badran, president of Yarmouk University, the management of the demonstration school of the university presents an exhibition of their children's art work. The three-day exhibition will be open from 1-4 p.m., at the school building in the east wing of the university dorm. A similar display of children's drawings is taking place at the Palace of Culture in Sports City.
- The Soviet Cultural Centre presents an exhibition in honour of the Soviet leader Lenin. The exhibition opens to the public at 6 p.m., at the centre near Third Circle in Jabal Amman.
- The Harvard Semitic Museum, in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities, presents an exhibition of historical photographs related to Jordan, at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jabal Luweibdeh.
- The Jordan Distribution Agency presents an exhibition of Soviet books in Arabic and English, covering various subjects, as well as a wide range of children's books. The exhibition opens daily at 10 a.m. at the University of Jordan Library.
- The American Centre presents an exhibition of paintings and drawings of Jerusalem and the Jordanian landscape, by Ivy Nasir. From 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.
- The Jordan Engineers' Association presents an exhibition of the work of Jordanian architects, at the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani.
- Films**
- The Franco-Jordanian Friendship Association, cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism & Antiquities, presents an exhibition of "Tapestry of Madaba and the Handicraft Industry of Jordan", at the French Cultural Centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.
- The Spanish Embassy presents an exhibition of Spanish paintings depicting the fountains in public squares of Madrid. The exhibition is open to the public at Yarmouk University in Irbid.
- The National Gallery of Fine Arts, in cooperation with the American Centre, presents two films: "George Segal". The films will be shown at National Gallery at 6 p.m.
- Lecture**
- The University of Jordan Graduates Club, in cooperation with Yarmouk University and the Royal Conservation Society, presents a lecture on "Environmental Pollution in Jordan". Dr. Adnan Badran, Mr. Anis Al Mufasher, Mr. Sa'dalla Sa'da and Dr. Duraid Mahasneh will participate in presentation. The lecture will be given at 6 p.m., at the club's headquarters in Jabal Amman.
- Videotape programmes**
- The French Cultural Centre presents "La vie en France" at 5 p.m., and "La maison des bois" at 7 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Close
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	2,335	1,690	1,680	1.65
Jordan Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	100	2,230	2,230	2.22
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	8,918	1,520	1,510	1.51
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	100	2,190	2,190	2.11
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	1,600	1,620	1,620	1.62
Real Estate Financial Foundation (Refo)	JD 2,000	200	13,980	13,400	13.91
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	50	16,500	16,500	16.51
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	72	15,500	15,500	15.50
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	5,730	15,400	15,200	15.25
Arab Financial Foundation (Jordan) 50%	JD 10,000	10	13,950	13,950	13.95
General Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	2,600	1,560	1,560	1.56
United Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	500	3,700	3,600	3.60
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	150	11,000	11,000	11.00
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	25,875	2,130	2,090	2.13
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	250	0,940	0,940	0.94
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co.	JD 1,000	12,297	1,150	1,120	1.15
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	6,400	0,850	0,850	0.85
Livestock and Poultry Co.	JD 1,000	150	0,610	0,610	0.61
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	150	9,750	9,750	9.75
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 2,000	4,450	1,720	1,700	1.70
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	10,654	1,290	1,270	1.29
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	27,050	1,390	1,380	1.38
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	3,070	3,580	3,580	3.58
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	3,415	4,460	4,460	4.46
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	8,400	2,100	2,080	2.09
Dar Al Dawa' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	850	3,380	3,360	3.3
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	4,250	1,130	1,090	1.1
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	400	1,160	1,150	1.16
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	2,050	5,950	5,800	5.9
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	288	29,500	29,400	29.5
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1,272	8,450	8,440	8.4
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	188	18,550	18,550	18.5

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — A delegation from the Pakistani National Defence College, headed by Brig. Agha Massoud Hassan, arrived today in Amman. The delegation will visit a number of military sites, training centres and several archaeological sites in Jordan in addition to meeting Jordanian officials.

AMMAN, April 19 (J.T.) — The Italian charge d'affaires, Mr. Jutzo Luca, and the cultural attache at the Italian embassy in Amman, Mr. Paolo Bekardi, yesterday called on the director of the Foreign Ministry's cultural department, Mr. Abdul Hamid Umar. They discussed problems facing the acceptance of Jordanian students at Italian universities in the light of new regulations issued by these universities for non-Italian students.

AMMAN, April 19 (J.T.) — The final round of General Secondary Certificate Examinations (lawjihi) will begin on May 27, Al Ra'i newspaper reported today, quoting Ministry of Education sources. It said that the examinations will last eight days.

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the general assembly meeting of the Arab Overland Transport Union, which will open in Kuwait on May 5. The director of transport at the Ministry of Transport, Mr. Ya'qoub Haddad, said the participants will review the union's annual report and the fiscal budget for the next two years as well as a plan of action for future activities. The delegation groups Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and North Yemen.

SOUTH SHUNEH, April 19 (Petra) — The Cooperative Bank has established a branch here to offer services to farmers and citizens in the central Jordan Valley region. A bank spokesman said that the bank will start operations this week.

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the Arab Railway Federation meeting which will be held in Baghdad on April 25, the under-secretary of the Ministry of Transport, Mr. Hashem Al Taher, announced here. Mr. Taher, who is also chairman of the federation, said that the participants will discuss matters connected with Arab railway networks. The federation, established in 1979, is made up of eight Arab member states: Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Algeria, in addition to Palestine.

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — A delegation from the Jordanian Arabic language academy left for Morocco yesterday to take part in a conference on Arabising scientific terms open in Tangiers tomorrow. Apart from Arabising scientific and technical terms, participants in the three-day conference will draw up plans for publishing an Arab lexicon, the head of the delegation, Dr. Abdul Karim Khalifa, said. Dr. Khalifa, who is the president of the Jordanian academy, said that he will submit a report on steps taken by Jordan to Arabise foreign terminology. Dr. Khalifa will be accompanied by a two-member delegation to the conference, which will be attended by delegations representing Arabic academies in other countries.

IRBID, April 19 (Petra) — The president of Yarmouk University, Dr. Adnan Badran, today opened an exhibition entitled "The Flowers of Jordan in Pictures." The four-day exhibition includes both photographs and drawings of Jordanian flowers.

AMMAN, April 19 (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) 19-day executive council meeting, to begin in Switzerland on April 17. The director of postal affairs at the Ministry of Communications, Mr. Ali Al Jaber, who will be leading the Jordanian delegation, said that the council is scheduled to discuss among other matters issues involving the transportation of mail by land and air, and the cost of freight. The executive council meets annually in Berne to ensure continuity of the union's work in the interval between UPU congresses; undertakes studies; draws up proposals, and makes recommendations to the congress. It is responsible for encouraging, supervising and coordinating international cooperation in the form of technical assistance and vocational training in postal affairs.

The remarkable results of a return to painting

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The exhibition of paintings and drawings by Ivy Nasir now on show at the American Centre makes one wonder: How many other women are painting quietly at home, fitting it in with their supposed role of running a home and raising a family?

How many other women like Ivy Nasir have recommitted themselves to painting after their children have grown up, leaving them time at last to grow in their art? We can only wonder, now that Ivy Nasir has made us aware of their existence.

After taking her degree in fine arts from De Pauw University, Indiana, Mrs. Nasir got married, and found her time filled with the

responsibilities of her family. There was no time to put into practice what she had trained for. Two years ago, painting became once more an important part of her life, and she started working seriously — ultimately producing enough work to hold this, her first solo exhibition.

The artist's style is starting to change now, after this period of dedication: and the time is ripe for

assessment and the objective view of her work that only an exhibition can give.

Jerusalem still holds an unerring fascination for artists, and it is to Jerusalem, where she lived before moving to Amman 14 years ago, that Mrs. Nasir returns to sketch and draw, and to collect inspiration and ideas for work back at home. Working in all the media and sometimes mixing them, the artist captures Jerusalem, Jordanian landscapes and still-lives in her literal, realistic style.

By detailing the foreground with brickwork, oriels and gardens, and by outlining in sure firm lines the distant domed rooves of the stacked houses with their forest of antennae, Mrs. Nasir achieves in her pen-and-ink drawings of Jerusalem, particularly "Damascus Gate", an airy perspective

and a confident lightness. The same lightness and confidence is seen in "The Dome of the Rock in Pink and Blue", an almost romantic, impressionistic vision with its subtle hues.

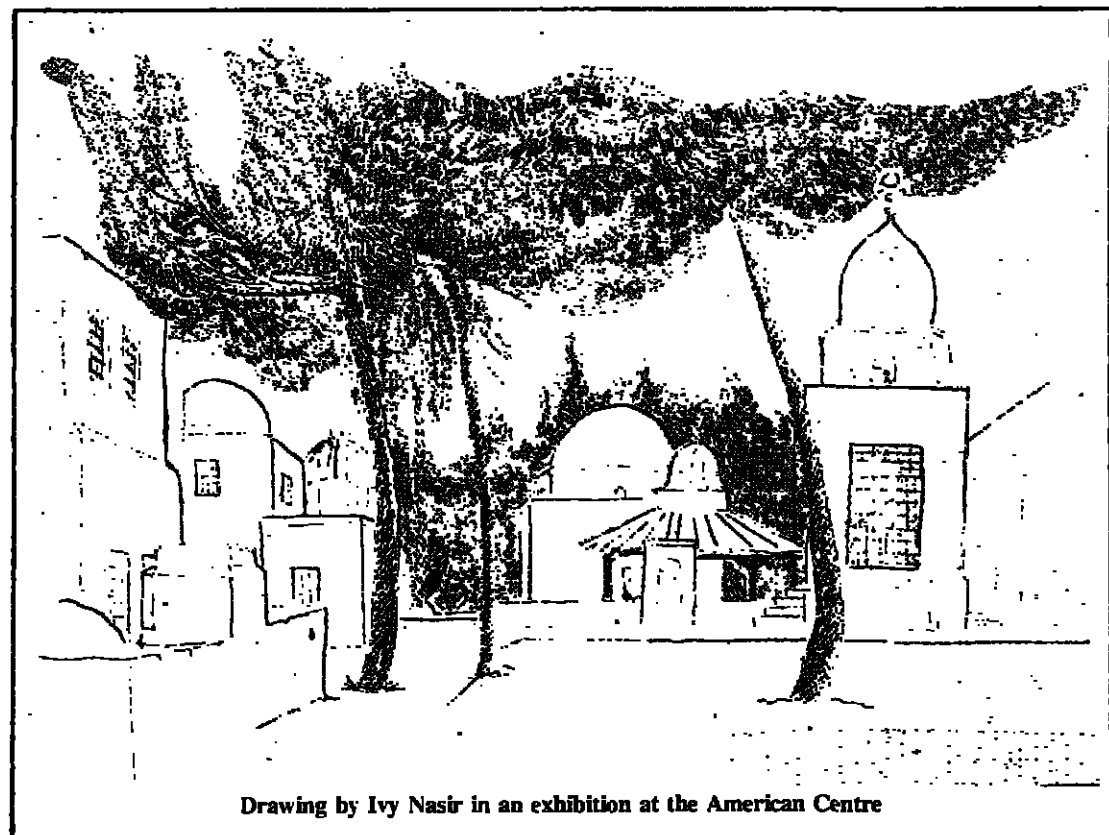
These less literal oils, like "Dome of the Rock" and "Yama" a study of the artist's mother-in-law which captures something of the essence of old Arab women, sitting as the subject does — proud, calm and solid, the black and red of her traditional dress giving her substance and form in the background of feathery green — are much more alive than the artist's portraits.

The idea of painting in detail Arab women in their beautiful gay traditional dresses — "Arab Woman in Lifta Dress" etc. — and the composition of these works, using the locally made rugs and the Syrian inlaid chair to echo the design of the intricate embroidery of the dress, are both original and appropriate; but in actual execution they somehow fail.

The paintings are lifeless, despite the gay colours, and two-dimensional looking, as if they had been copied from photographs, while in fact they were painted in the studio from life. This discrepancy between conception and reality hints at a technical problem, rather than any artistic failure.

Unfortunately there may have been a lack of artistic insight when the artist decided to the heavy lifeless background to "Canaan" and the dark shadow to "Grandmother's Teapot with Plum Shadow": two works which would otherwise have been as attractive as "Grandmother's Teapot with Two Tangerines" and "Copper Pot with Straw Mat", with their delicate detailing and soft subtle colours.

Mrs. Nasir is a shy, retiring woman who has chosen to travel to London and her native United States while her exhibition runs here in Amman — an exhibition that marks her serious and significant return to art.



Drawing by Ivy Nasir in an exhibition at the American Centre

Cross-stitch and Kufic

Text and photos
By Marianne Pearson
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Mrs. Rihab Dajani created a new art form when she adapted centuries-old Arabic calligraphy designs for use in cross-stitch embroideries. For serenity, the angular Kufic style of lettering proves to be as well suited to needlework of the traditional Palestinian type as to monumental decorations cut in stone. Mrs. Dajani's original inspiration was the illustration in an Arabian-American Oil Company (ramco) calendar of a verse from the Koran. She used it for cross-stitch decorations on a three-piece for coffee table and endtables. That was in 1972, when her husband Jarir was teaching at the University and the Dajanis, who had emigrated from Jerusalem to the United States, were living in Durham, North Carolina. At that time she has produced over 50 pieces, most of them wall hangings. Because the designs all out the name of God or verses from the Koran, they are never used for something which might stepped on. A large part of Mrs. Dajani's pleasure in the craft is the first step: the library search for a suitable design. Typically a design comes from an illustration of decorations on old buildings, usually mosques in Iran or Iraq. Sometimes part of the lettering is obliterated, and the challenge is to supply what is missing. After the design is planned it goes onto the fabric by "counting out," the method she learned as a schoolgirl in Jerusalem. "That's the nice thing," she said. "You don't draw a pattern — you do it directly. With good cross-stitching, you have to count."

This was the stumbling block for neighbours and newcomers to whom she taught needlework in Sunnyvale, California, where the Dajanis now live. "They were afraid to do anything which didn't have a pattern stamped on it," she said.

When she was a child she embroidered on the material of old rice and sugar sacks. And the materials she uses now are not much more expensive. She uses burlap purchased by the yard, which she says is "easy for the eyes" because of the size of its threads. She covers the whole piece with yarn — wool or acrylic — which she buys when it is being sold at bargain prices.

Mrs. Dajani spends three hours daily at her craft — the hour after the children leave for school, an hour at noon, and an hour in the evening. "You become an addict. It's very relaxing work," she said, "and it's nice to see the result when you're done."

Ordinarily Mrs. Dajani stays with one piece of work until it is completed, which is usually about three weeks. However, a problem design which she brought with her from the United States had intrigued her for a long time. It is the name Allah in the shape of a star, with lines turning at a 45-degree angle instead of the usual 90 degrees.

She showed a cousin who works with the computer at the University of Jordan the design in a book of Islamic art. Within a few days he had the computer's solution to the problem of how to cross-stitch the design. She let her other work go to try it out immediately. When a piece is finished she



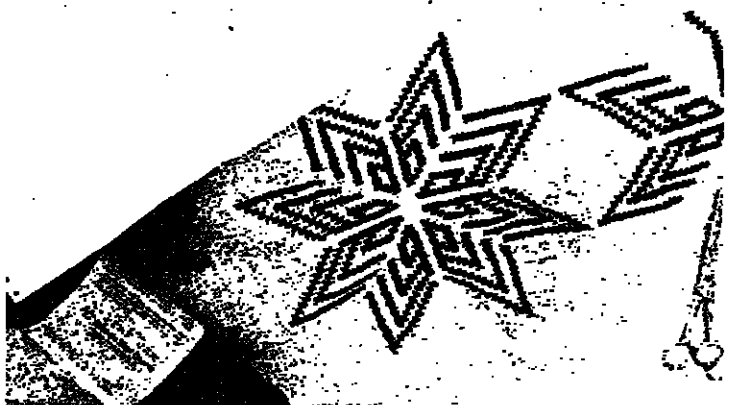
Mrs. Dajani's needlework includes a purse and belt with her initial R forming a pattern.

finds it impossible to part with it; but she sometimes makes copies of the original for close friends or family members. Her parents live in Jerusalem, where her father has a spice shop in the Old City. Of her six brothers, two are living in Amman.

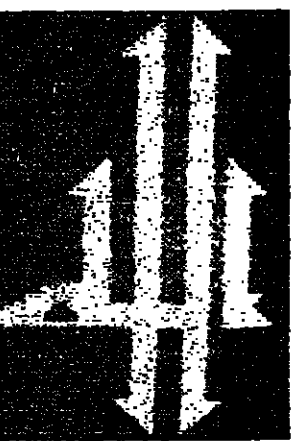
For a change of pace Mrs. Dajani embroiders clothing, including jeans for the children. Most of this work is for her daughters, but embroidering her son's name on

his jacket was a wise move, she found. She also does macramé work and plans to take a good supply of Hebron glass beads back to California for macramé projects.

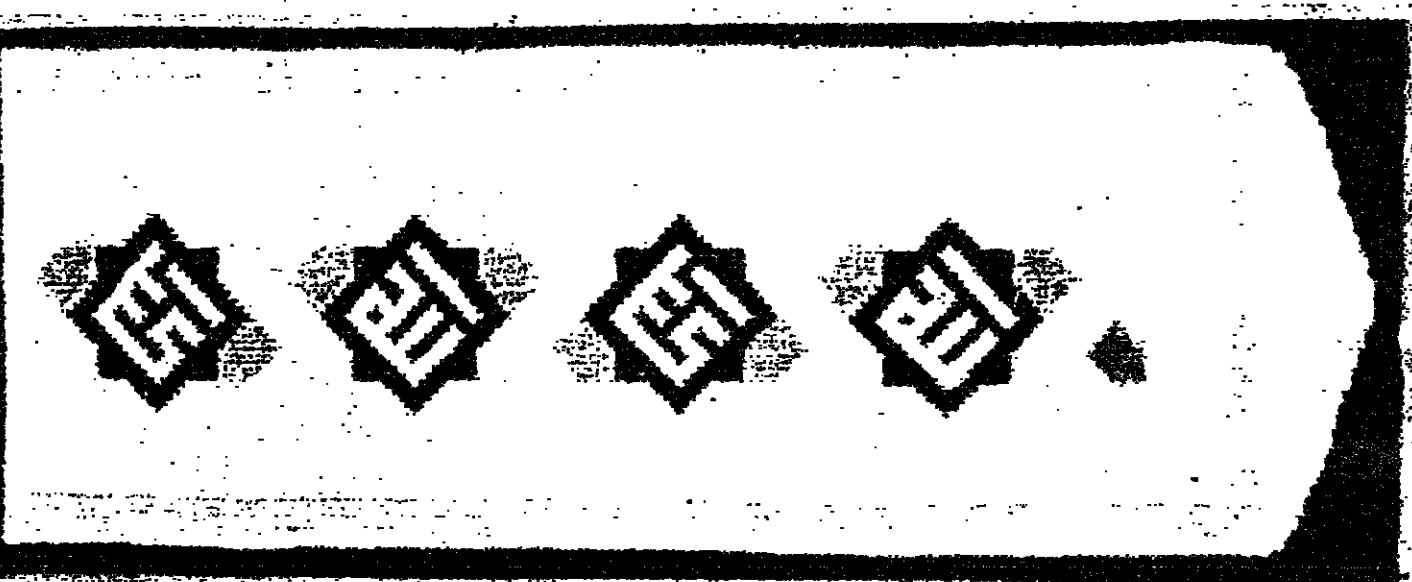
During the year and a half the Dajanis expect to be living in Jordan, she is hoping the opportunity will come to see some of the historic buildings she has studied. Her face lights up when she says, "I'd really like to go to Baghdad."



Computerized solution to the design problem of the name of Allah in a star pattern



Embroidered hanging of the word Allah in Kufic script

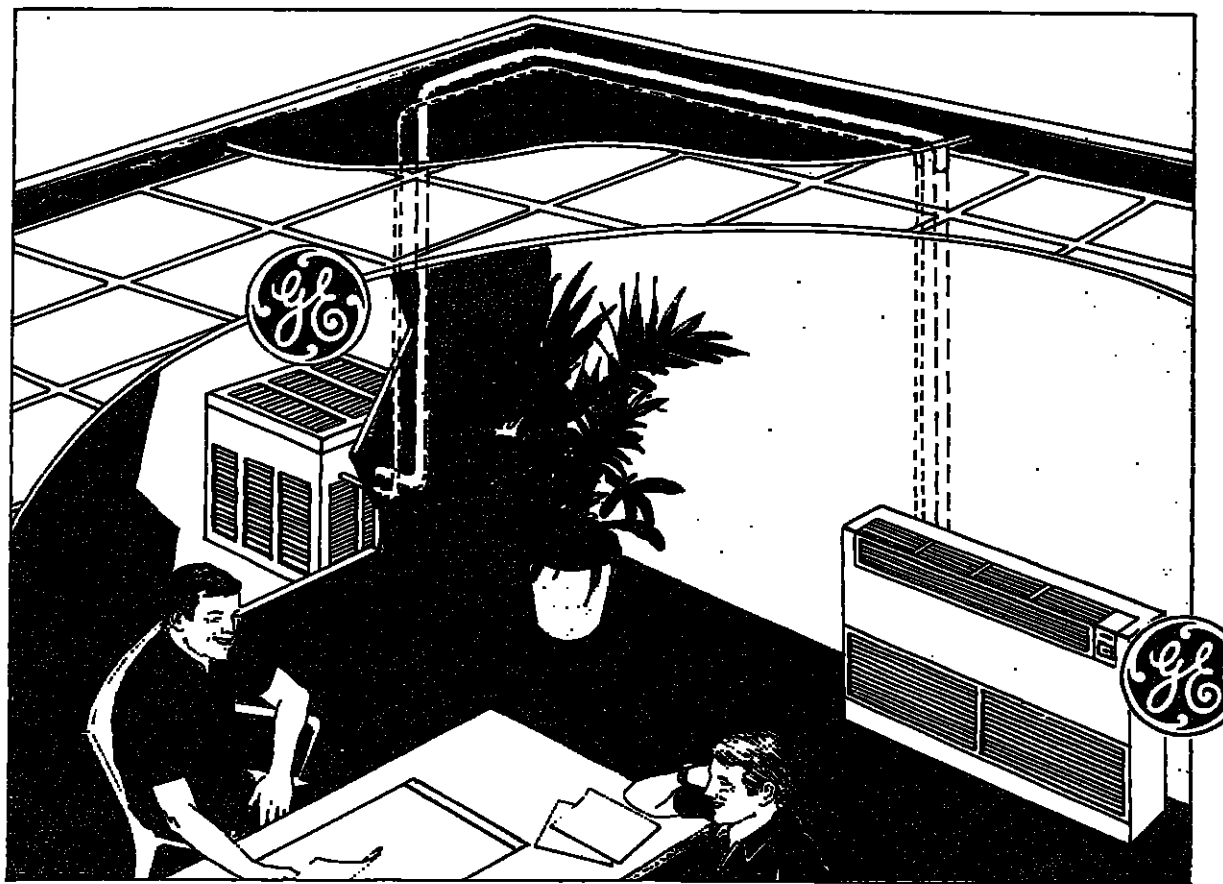


Dajani draws her inspiration and designs mainly from verses of the Koran.

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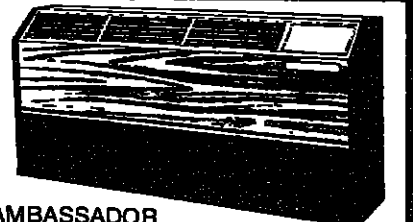
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GENERAL ELECTRIC



### ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

**AL RA'I:** British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has given a hint to the United States when she said she regarded the results of the presidential election there as a reason for the failure to achieve progress towards the settlement of the Middle East crisis.

This means that Mrs. Thatcher does not acquit Washington of responsibility for the delay, particularly seeing that she has called for new steps towards a solution, as she wants to tell the Arabs that she shares their view that the European initiative has been delayed and that Washington has something to do with this delay.

Naturally, Mrs. Thatcher is expected to raise the question of the European initiative during her talks in Saudi Arabia. She will hear in Riyadh and the other Gulf capitals a clear explanation of the Arab position, namely that the Palestine issue is the crux of the dispute in the area, and that Israeli aggression is the central threat to the area's security and stability. Consequently the security and stability of the Gulf cannot be imposed by a foreign power, but must come about through respect for the Arab right to defend the area's stability.

Naturally, Arab officials expect to hear from Mrs. Thatcher about the role which Britain int-

ends to play in activating the European initiative on the Middle East.

**AL DUSTOUR:** In the conference which the American secretary of state held before leaving occupied Palestine, he spoke about his talks with the Israelis, affirming anew America's support for a strong Israel. But he hinted that Israel would understand America's interests in the area. The Israeli foreign minister revealed the extent of his country's difference with Mr. Haig about the sale of sophisticated American planes to Saudi Arabia.

On Saturday, the New York Times reported that the plans to supply Saudi Arabia with AWACS planes are being opposed by the Israelis and the American Congress to the point that there is now an inclination to postpone the deal.

Israel is acting with hypocrisy, to prove to the Americans that the real danger to the area is coming from Afghanistan, not from Israel.

America's Arab friends should pay attention to the question of their security and armaments, just as the United States shows its concern about its interests in the area. They should also develop their foreign and defence policies to obtain the necessary arms from all world markets open to them outside the American market.

# DE FACTONOMICS

## UNRWA Financing: Trick or treat

By T.A. Jab

IT is now well known that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is in the process of withdrawing its educational services in Jordan and Syria for refugee pupils at the preparatory level. This is being done under the pretext of the present deficit of about \$40 million in UNRWA's budget for 1981, of which \$24 million are due to the agency's educational services.

The closure of UNRWA's preparatory schools would be a serious destabilising action on both human and political grounds. It would also be considered an easy way out of an apparently financial inconvenience. Of the long list of United Nations resolutions since 1947 on the Palestine question,

the decision to create UNRWA stands as the only measure which has a substantive and material value to the Palestinian refugee in his camp. Other resolutions are also significant for the Palestinians' cause, but they have not yet been implemented. For the 1.84 million registered refugee population, UNRWA continues to be a manifestation of international support for their legitimate rights to return to their homeland, be compensated for their properties, and suffering, be able to exercise their right to self-determination and be assisted in rebuilding their community which has been in diaspora for more than three decades.

One cannot resist the contemplation that the dismantling of UNRWA's presence is occurring gradually. It started by curtailing rations, then by shifting some educational and health services to governments concerned in the region. Now comes the closure of UNRWA's preparatory schools which provide education, a human basic need, to 84,400 students, of whom 33,700 are in Jordan. The question which may be raised soon is, "what is next?"

Let's have a look at UNRWA data. The total UNRWA expenditures for the thirty years (1950-1980), including its own administrative expenses, is less than \$2 billion (\$1843 million). Over this period, the Palestinian refugee has got on the average \$50 annually for his education, health and relief services. In contrast, the Israeli citizen is receiving foreign aid of about \$1,000 annually. The contrast is astonishing and alarming. Since UNRWA's financing has been based on voluntary contributions, it has been subjected to political considerations. No socialist country has ever contributed to UNRWA's budget, except for Yugoslavia whose total payments

are less than \$1 million. The United States, total contributions three decades amount to \$86 million, which is less than one thirtieth of its annual aid to Israel.

Part of the political game have the Arab countries UNRWA's bill. Indeed, the countries have been contributing in cash and services. The total payments of Arab countries to UNRWA are \$100 million. Some of the actual contributors to UNRWA activities have been the Arab countries in the region, namely Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Lebanon. In 1979/80, these countries provided direct assistance to UNRWA for a total of \$174 million. Out of this, Jordan provided \$35.4 million. Total expenses are also increasing time.

The accounting deficit of UNRWA's budget is real. It has been recurring over the last years with an increasing magnitude. With the administrative and financial expertise available to UNRWA and the U.N. system, adequate means to meet such deficits should have been formulated and adopted by now. Closing schools is not acceptable on human and political grounds. Shifting the burden gradually to Jordan and some other Arab countries in a de facto retreat UNRWA has serious consequences. Why not integrate UNRWA's financing into the United Nations budget? What about issuing bonds at the international market? What about establishing a special fund out of a one-time five-year contribution? What about taxing armament industries in major powers? The problem may appear as one of meeting budget deficit but indeed it is deeper than that.

## To kill an arms deal

WASHINGTON's plan to sell sophisticated AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia has met with such severe opposition from Israel and the Zionist lobby in the United States that it may have to be postponed indefinitely. The current mood in the American capital is that any sizable arms sales to Saudi Arabia will have to be broken into smaller packages if the opposition is to be appeased.

However we view the controversy, it has inflicted severe damage on U.S. Middle East policy as formulated in the early days of President Ronald Reagan's administration. If anything, the storm over the AWACS complicates Washington's attempt to deal with the Middle East and the Gulf region as one "strategic" unit. During his recent tour of the region, Secretary of State Alexander Haig found that the countries involved, especially Jordan and Saudi Arabia, are more concerned about the Palestinian problem than they are about any Soviet threat to the region.

The AWACS saga has spotlighted the issue. It now seems likely that the U.S. Senate will not approve the sale. Senate Minority Leader Robert Byrd, in a letter to Mr. Haig last week, objected to supplying Saudi Arabia with the AWACS not because this would jeopardise Israel's security; he claimed that the secret weapon could fall into Soviet hands through the Saudis.

The opposition is going to great lengths to kill the deal.



# JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

### JORDAN TELEVISION

#### CHANNEL 3

8:30 ..... Koran  
8:45 ..... Cartoons  
9:45 ..... Children's programme  
6:25 ..... Little house on the Prairie  
7:10 ..... Programme Preview  
7:25 ..... Local Programme  
8:00 ..... News in Arabic  
8:30 ..... Arabic Series  
9:30 ..... Wrestling  
10:20 ..... Bestseller  
11:00 ..... News in Arabic  
11:10 ..... Cont. of Bestseller

#### CHANNEL 6

6:00 ..... French programme  
7:00 ..... News in French  
7:20 ..... Sport Magazine  
7:50 ..... News in Hebrew  
8:30 ..... Benson  
9:10 ..... Spoils of War  
10:00 ..... News in English  
10:15 ..... Bestseller  
11:00 ..... News in Arabic

### RADIO JORDAN

85.5 KHz AM & 99 MHz FM

7:00 ..... Sign on  
7:01 ..... Morning Show  
7:30 ..... News Bulletin  
7:40 ..... Morning Show  
10:00 ..... News Headlines  
10:30 ..... Talking Points  
11:00 ..... Sign off  
12:00 ..... News Headlines  
12:03 ..... Pop Session  
13:00 ..... News Summary  
13:03 ..... Pop Session  
14:00 ..... News Bulletin  
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14:30 ..... Centres of Culture  
15:00 ..... Concert Hour  
15:00 ..... News Summary  
16:03 ..... Instrumentals  
17:00 ..... Brothers in-law  
17:30 ..... Pop Session  
18:00 ..... News Summary  
18:03 ..... Sports roundup  
18:30 ..... 30-minute theatre  
19:00 ..... News Desk  
19:30 ..... Music  
20:30 ..... Evening Show  
21:00 ..... News Summary  
22:00 ..... Sign off

### BBC WORLD SERVICE

630, 720, 1413 KHz

GMT  
04:00 Newsdesk 04:30 Somerset Maugham Stories 04:45 Notes from an Observer 04:50 Book Choice 04:55 Reflections 05:00 World News, 24 Hours; News Summary 05:30 Peabody's Choice 05:45 Shaw and Elgar 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Famous Opera Houses 07:00 World News, 24 Hours; News Summary 07:30 Country Style

07:45 Short Story 08:00 World News 08:10 Reflections 08:15 Masters of Early Music 08:30 Plain Murder 09:00 World News; British Press Review 09:15 Notes from an Observer 09:20 Theatre Call 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 DJ Roundtable 10:15 Take One 10:30 Moments of Being 11:00 World News; News about Britain 11:15 New Waves 11:30 Fiesta 12:00 Radio Newsreel 12:15 Brain of Britain 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News, 24 Hours; News Summary 13:30 Book Programme 14:00 The Best of Beethoven 14:30 Plain Murder 15:00 Radio Newsreel 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News; Commentary 16:15 Sarah and Company 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News 17:10 Book Choice 17:15 Europa 17:30 Somerset Maugham Stories 17:45 Sports Roundup 18:00 World News; News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsreel 18:30 The King's Collection 19:00 Outlook; News Summary 19:43 Look Ahead 19:45 Stars in Their Eyes 20:00 World News, 24 Hours; News Summary 20:30 Sports International 21:00 Network U.K. 21:15 Europa 21:30 The Best of Beethoven 22:00 World News 22:10 The World Today 22:25 Book Choice 22:30 Financial News 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports Roundup 23:00 World News; Commentary 23:15 Short Story 23:30 DJ: Roundtable

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### AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS  
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7:50 ..... Agaba  
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9:40 ..... Dhahran  
9:50 ..... Bahrain, Doha  
9:55 ..... Beirut  
9:55 ..... Agaba  
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14:15 ..... Moscow, Beirut (SU)  
15:00 ..... Kuwait

15:15 ..... Rome, Athens (IA)  
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15:20 ..... Belgrade (YU)  
15:30 ..... Kuwait (KU)  
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20:00 ..... Beirut (MEA)  
23:59 ..... Baghdad  
01:00 ..... Cairo

### DEPARTURES:

03:00 ..... Cairo  
05:45 Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)  
06:00 ..... Agaba  
06:30 ..... Damascus  
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20:00 ..... Cairo  
20:15 ..... Abu Dhabi, Dubai  
20:30 ..... Jeddah  
20:45 ..... Dhahran

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Amman:  
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Suleiman Huissat ..... 25015  
Zarqa:  
Tariq Hajjawi ..... 85445/86234  
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Al-Ahram ..... 63911  
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Bashar ..... 71329  
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Hays Arts Centre ..... 65195  
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Jordan National Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century oriental artists. Muatazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays.

### PRAYER TIMES

Fajr ..... 3:28  
Sunrise ..... 5:59  
Dhuhr ..... 11:38  
'Asr ..... 3:16  
Maghreb ..... 6:15  
Isha ..... 7:34

### LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Saudi riyal ..... 97.5/98  
Lebanese pound ..... 80.3/81.3  
Syrian pound ..... 50.9/51.6  
Iraqi dinar ..... 745/751.6  
Kuwaiti dinar ..... 1181/1185.3  
Egyptian pound ..... 392.5/398.3  
Qatari riyal ..... 89.3/90.3  
UAE dirham ..... 88.7/89.1  
Omani riyal ..... 934.3/940  
U.S. dollar ..... 327/329  
U.K. sterling ..... 704.4/708.6  
W. German mark ..... 149.2/150.1  
Swiss franc ..... 163.6/164.6  
Italian lire ..... (for every 100) 30.5/30.2  
French franc ..... 63.2/63.6  
Dutch guilder ..... 134.7/135.5  
Swedish crown ..... 69.1/69.5  
Belgium franc ..... 91.1/91.6  
Japanese yen ..... (for every 100) 150.3/151.2

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Fire headquarters ..... 22990  
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### MARKET PRICES

Tomatoes	230	150
Eggplant	220	160
Potatoes (imported)	130	100
Marrow (small)	90	60
Marrow (large)	50	30
Cucumber (small)	220	170
Cucumber (large)	120	90
Peas	260	200
String beans	280	180
Potatoes (local)	100	100
Lettuce (head)	50	30
Cauliflower	180	140
Bell pepper	480	300
Cabbage	60	40
Spinach	140	100
Onions (dry)	120	100
Onions (green)	150	100
Garlic	200	200
Carrots	90	70
Turnips	70	70
Bananas	270	200
Bananas (from makhram)	235	160
Dates	250	250
Apples (American, Japanese red, waxed)	440	440
Apples (Double Red)	260	200
Apples (Starken)	200	150
Apples (Golden)	230	180
Oranges (Shammour)	170	170
Oranges (Valencia)	140	100
Oranges (Waxed)	100	100
Grapefruit	100	80
Lemon	220	150
Coconut (apiece)	180	180
Water Melons	230	230

### FORECAST FOR MONDAY, APR. 20, 1981

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A fine day to bring your special capabilities to the attention of higher-ups and get excellent results. Make sure your activities are well organized. Show others you have wisdom.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Daytime is fine for being with persons who can help you advance in career matters. Strive for increased happiness.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** There could be a delay in plans you have formulated, but this gives you the needed time to perfect details.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Don't be unpleasent with one who is unable to keep a promise right now. Show others that you can be relied upon.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Study how to improve your monetary status and seek advice you need. Be patient in handling a civic matter.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** You may find it hard to get started on your work today, but persevere and you get much accomplished. Be alert.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** You are now able to enjoy recreations that you've had little time for in the past. Your creative ideas need expression.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Attend to those duties that must be done early in the day for best results. Show more interest in outside activities.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Talks with associates can produce excellent results now. You are able to communicate very well with others today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Study your money situation well and take steps to improve it. Be sure to keep important promises you've made.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** You are thinking very clearly now and can easily advance in your line of endeavor. Stop wasting so much time.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Engage in profitable activities early in the day so you will have time for recreation later. Be more optimistic.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Endeavor to make your work more modern and streamlined. Follow your intuition and express your finest talents.

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# ECONOMY

Output grows more slowly than empty mouths

## Bleak prospects for world food levels - WFC

ROME, April 19 (A.P.) — A newly-published U.N. agency report says Third World food output grew much more slowly than the number of empty mouths during the 1970s. It predicts a sharp increase in chronic hunger during the 1980s.

The report was released by the U.N. World Food Council, which is drawing up a "politically feasible" set of measures to guarantee that developing nations have enough food.

Representatives of the 36 nations in the WFC meet Tuesday in Rome to consider a four-part "world food security net." It will be proposed to WFC agriculture and development ministers at a May meeting in Yugoslavia.

Past international efforts to store grain for future crises have foundered on disagreements between farming nations and consumers. Negotiations broke down in London in March on a world wheat convention because of disputes between farming nations and consumers.

Over the 1970s, developing-

country food production grew at 2.7 per cent, well below the United Nations 4 per cent target estimated as necessary to meet consumption needs," the report, called "Food in the Context of the International Development Strategy," said. The WFC described the 18-page report as "major."

"Overall trends indicate a sharp increase in the number of chronically hungry people during this decade," the report said.

The United Nations established the WFC in 1974 to promote and coordinate political activity necessary to carry out the U.N. objective of feeding the world's hungry.

The WFC representatives who are meeting in Rome through Friday will consider a new international wheat accord. Talks broke down on the last one because of disputes over which countries will get first access to stored food reserves when they are released in a crisis.

In the talks, developed countries also felt that Third World demands were excessive for tec-

hnical assistance and money to help their food distribution systems. The WFC proposes this kind of aid in its food security programme as well.

The WFC measures also include loans from the International Monetary Fund to help poor countries cover their food costs, and strengthening three existing programmes: the World Food Programme, Food Aid Convention

## Libya: OPEC must revise strategy

NICOSIA, April 19 (A.P.) — Libya's Oil Minister Abdessalam Zagar called for a radical revision of the long term strategy plan of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), particularly on oil pricing, in an interview published in this week's issue of the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES).

Mr. Zagar criticised the oil-pricing plan adopted by the strategy committee of OPEC last September. He said it was two years out of date when it was ado-

and International Emergency Food Reserve.

The WFC report painted a bleak picture of the current world food situation.

"Global food stocks have recently fallen to dangerously low levels. Food production costs are rising in the world's low-income regions. Costly imports, which drain scarce foreign exchange,

only partially fill the widening food gap," the WFC said.

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Government supermarkets taking over

## Blinds of private shops pulled down in Libya

By Roland Dallas

ROME — By the end of 1981 the private retail trade in Libya will probably be dead and the Libyan people will be shopping exclusively in huge state-owned supermarkets.

At the end of March, the radical socialist government of Col. Muammar Qadhafi closed down all private shops that sold clothes, shoes and home appliances, and by the beginning of May butchers' shops will have met the same fate.

The process began some months ago when shopkeepers found they were denied government licences to buy imported goods and saw their stocks dwindle and disappear.

The moves are part of a plan to abolish private enterprise in Libya and replace businesses with "people's committees for economy," as announced last month by Mohammed Zaroug Rajab, secretary of the general people's committee (prime minister).

The abolition of private enterprise is in turn part of Col. Qadhafi's "third universal theory" which he says is the successor to capitalism and communism.

On a recent visit to Tripoli a group of news correspondents was greeted by the extraordinary sight of shops on the main streets of the city centre either closed permanently with their blinds pulled down or with windows and shelves almost bereft of stock.

The atmosphere in the market was like post-Christmas sales in the West with hundreds of shoppers foraging for whatever they could grab at a good price.

Craftsmen have so far been allowed to remain independent and they continue to hammer bronze

into shape and to design elaborate decorations as they have for centuries.

But former shopowners and traders have few alternatives. "When I close up my shop, I suppose I shall get a job in a supermarket," one commented.

The authorities have been setting up supermarkets that sell goods at prices considerably lower than those in private shops.

This major change in the Libyan way of life was made to "carry out popular control over the distribution of goods and services to all towns and villages," according to an official statement.

Col. Qadhafi recently opened two of the new supermarkets in the Tripoli suburb of Andalouss.

Each has six floors and sells items such as clothing, cosmetics, leather goods, electrical equipment, furniture and toys, and has parking space for 1,000 cars, according to the official state news agency JANA.

"With the goal of affirming the

thesis 'the wealth in the hands of the people' and to destroy exploitation definitively, a market has been built here," Col. Qadhafi said. "It is a considerable step forward."

Each supermarket should be able to supply the needs of a total of 83,000 citizens, JANA reported.

A third supermarket of the same size will soon be opened in Libya's second city, Benghazi, and there will also be 66 two-storey and 185 three-storey supermarkets elsewhere in the country.

A senior official declared that "the productive militants work with their sweat, effort and mark a historic victory of the people in taking control of commerce."

The entire country is steadily coming under the control of the "people's committees," which are guided by "revolutionary committees."

Banks and insurance companies have long been public property. In

1975, the revolutionary command council also nationalised government-financed private housing and the motor vehicle industry.

In September 1973, on the fourth anniversary of the military coup which brought Col. Qadhafi to power, the revolutionary command council took a controlling 51 per cent share in the assets of all the major oil companies operating in the country.

Libya, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), produces 1.7 million barrels of crude a day (b/d), out of a total OPEC production of 26 million b/d.

The country at present charges \$41 a barrel for its high-grade crude, and is among those OPEC members who persistently advocate higher prices.

The country's wealth from oil exports has allowed Col. Qadhafi to launch a system of profit-sharing based on his "third universal theory." In 1978 the revolutionary command council issued

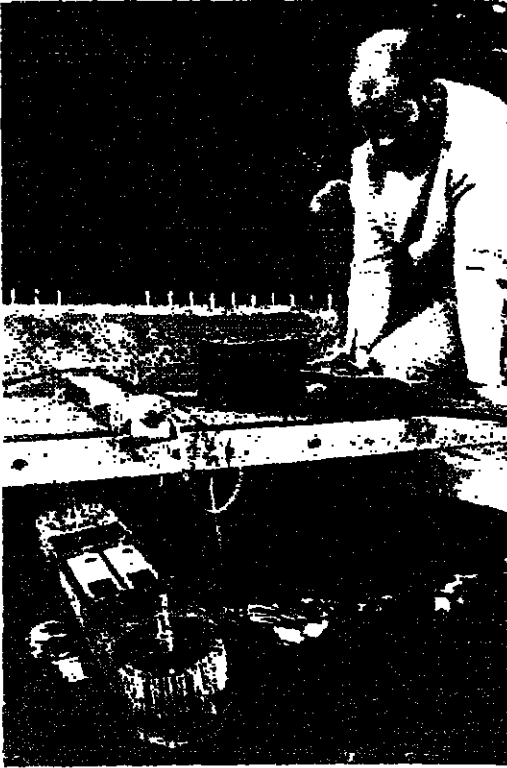
## New development in wave energy

A scientist at the National Engineering Laboratory (NEL) in Scotland measures the output from a 1/100 scale model of the Oscillating Water Column (OWC) - one of the devices being developed in Britain to extract power from the waves.

The model in the tank is the latest in a series of OWC's and is considered to be the most practical device so far developed for generating energy cheaply and on a large scale from the waves. This version has a column at the front and rear rather than in a straight line and is moored at right angles—like a ship—rather than directly into the waves. This enables the wave power to run up the length of the column instead of across it.

The basic principle of the OWC is a massive rectangular structure floating in the sea with one end open to the waves. As the structure rises and falls with the wave motion, water levels inside the chamber create differential air pressures. These are used to drive air turbines which in turn produce electricity.

The model is being tested in the NEL's new large wave test tank which can provide a number of wave patterns including multifrequency short and long crested waves—the types common to the shores of Britain where the devices will eventually be sited.



## Soviets exceed economic goal

MOSCOW, April 19 (R) — The Soviet Union yesterday announced economic targets had been overfulfilled so far this year in many key areas including oil production, but indicated that overall industrial growth was well below target.

An official report issued by the central statistical board and published in the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia said industrial growth was 3.1 per cent up on the first three months of last year, well short of the annual growth target of 4.1 per cent.

In the energy sector, the statistics showed that 150 million tons of oil including gas condensate were produced from January to March this year, one per cent more than in the first quarter of last year, according to the Izvestia report.

This falls short of a quarter of the overall 1981 oil production target of 610 million tonnes, but experts cautioned it was too early to say the annual target might not be met since seasonal factors could make a difference later.

The statistics showed that 117 billion cubic metres of gas were produced in the first quarter of the year—a trend which if continued would at year's end put the Soviet Union ahead of its annual target of 458 billion cubic metres.

The most disappointing branch of energy remained coal where first quarter output was 186 million tonnes, a slight drop of less than one per cent from the same quarter last year.

But if coal production was maintained at this level it would end the year ahead of the annual target of 738 million tonnes.

Steel production, another troubled area of the Soviet economy, amounted to 38.1 million tonnes, down slightly on three months figures last year, the statistics showed.

Izvestia listed as successful economic areas production of instruments, computer technology, cars, tractors, cement and mine fertiliser which it said reached 6.7 million tonnes, apparently an increase of five per cent from last year's first quarter.

Meat and dairy products dropped by two per cent from last year's figures. A total of 2.1 million tonnes of meat were produced from state resources.

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# WORLD

Says he didn't know before

## Bhutto's son owns up: His group plotted hijack

LONDON, April 19 (A.P.) — Mr. Murtaza Bhutto, son of executed Pakistani prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has admitted that an organisation he runs was responsible for last month's hijack of a Pakistani airliner in Afghanistan, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported today.

In a despatch from Bombay, where correspondent Mark Tully interviewed Mr. Bhutto, 26, BBC quoted him as saying that members of Al Zulfikar organisation, of which he is general secretary, seized the airliner on March 2 at Kabul airport, but he had no prior knowledge of the hijack. He added that his presence in Kabul at the time was just "coincidence."

But he declared that the organisation, also known as the Pakistan Liberation Army, could "turn Pakistan upside down" and was now pledged to oust the administration of Gen. Mohammad

Zia ul-Haq. "We are going to react on a massive scale and we will react brutally," he said.

Mr. Bhutto, whose father was deposed in July 1967 by Gen. Zia and executed in 1979, was widely suspected of being behind the 13-day hijack, but had previously remained silent.

The hijack began at Kabul airport and ended in Damascus, after Pakistani authorities agreed to the three hijackers' demand to release 54 prisoners.

The Soviet-occupied Afghan capital is reportedly the headquarters of the Pakistan Liberation Army, but Mr. Bhutto

maintained the organisation has a "presence" in Kabul while its headquarters are inside Pakistan.

He alleged the hijack was organised by the leading gunman acting on his own initiative. Asked how he could not have known, Mr. Bhutto replied: "Members don't have total access to me all the time."

The organisation had conducted 54 operations inside Pakistan, including the bomb explosion at a Karachi stadium during the visit by Pope John Paul II earlier this year, Mr. Bhutto said. It was not aimed against the Pope for whom he had "great respect."

Mr. Bhutto said the Pakistani diplomat passenger fatally shot by the hijackers at Kabul airport had collaborated in his father's overthrow.

Evidently worried about reprisals against his mother, Nusrat and his sister, Benazir, both under arrest in Pakistan, Mr. Bhutto said they were not members of the organisation and they "did not approve of violence."

"If Gen. Zia involves any Pakistani political party or any political personnel in the activities of Al Zulfikar or if he continues to try to humiliate any member of the Bhutto family, we are going to launch a massive and brutal campaign against the general," he said.

Mr. Bhutto, who was educated at Harvard, dropped out of post-graduate studies in international relations at Oxford University after his father was executed.

Mr. Bhutto said: "Al Zulfikar believes that force must be countered by force. That the bullet must be answered by the bullet."

Mr. Bhutto said he had not been in contact with the three Al Zulfikar gunmen since the hijack. The BBC correspondent said Mr. Bhutto left India straight after the taped interview, but refused to say where he was going or where he had been.

"I am of no fixed address," said Mr. Bhutto, "I travel in the Middle East and quite often go to England."

## Amnesty for Civil Guards

MADRID, April 19 (R) — Fifty-one paramilitary Civil Guards arrested after storming the Spanish parliament in an attempted coup in February have been released, military sources said today. They said the decision by Madrid's captain general, Gen. Guillermo Quintana Lacort, was part of traditional military amnesty measures for the Easter holy week. The 51 were non-commissioned officers and privates. Among 10 others still under arrest were those who fired their sub-machineguns into the air inside the Cortes (lower house) as ministers and deputies dived for cover.

## U.S. nuclear fuel to India

### No solutions yet

WASHINGTON, April 19 (A.P.) — State Department official refused to confirm or deny reports that the United States has decided to end an 18-year-old agreement for supplying nuclear fuel to an Indian atomic power plant at Tarapur.

A U.S. official, who declined to be identified, would say only that on the subject will continue after Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Indian Foreign Secretary Eric Gonsalves apparently were unable yesterday to resolve the conflict.

In two days of meetings with Mr. Haig, and other top U.S. officials, Mr. Gonsalves and Mr. Homi Sethna, India's top nuclear officials, were told the United States plans to develop military relationship with Pakistan despite India's protests.

But also discussed, according to the U.S. official, was "a potential military relationship" between the United States and India, especially India's interest in buying anti-tank missiles and howitzers.

U.S. officials said they do not believe developing military alliance with both India and Pakistan will increase tensions in the area or lead to an arms race on the subcontinent.

## Irish youths' riots enter fourth night

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland, April 19 (Agencies) — Gangs of youths, hurling stones and gasoline bombs, fought running battles with police for nearly two hours in the early hours today for the fourth straight night, police reported.

Meanwhile, police leaves were cancelled throughout the province as thousands of Roman Catholics prepared to march in six towns later today to commemorate the anniversary of the 1916 Easter uprising against British rule in Dublin, capital of the neighbouring Republic of Ireland.

Police said that soon after midnight youths set fire to a car in the centre of Londonderry. Three policemen were slightly injured when youths stoned three police trucks and set one on fire.

In a nearby street some 40 youths hurled gasoline bombs at police, who opened fire with plastic bullets, a police spokesman said. There were four arrests.

At Warrenpoint, in County Down, 40 families were evacuated from nearby homes late last night as demolition experts defused a bomb planted outside the police station, police said.

Traditional Easter tension in this British province has been fuelled by the deteriorating conditions of jailed Irish Republican Army guerrilla Bobby Sands, who is on the 50th day of a hunger strike in Belfast's Maze prison.

The 27-year-old Sands, fasting in support of demands that the British government treat jailed guerrillas as political prisoners received the last rites of the Catholic Church yesterday.

He is now within days of the time when previous IRA hunger strikers have died.

Mr. Sands, who won a by-election in Northern Ireland last week even though he is serving a 14-

year prison term for carrying arms, has pledged he will be the first British member of parliament to die on hunger strike in jail.

About 3,000 people marched through the centre of Dublin in support of Mr. Sands yesterday and handed in a letter at the government buildings asking the republic's Prime Minister Charles Haughey, to demand publicly that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher concede the hunger-striker's requests.

The British government said yesterday Mr. Sile de Valera, Mr. Neil Blaney and Mr. John O'Connell, who are also members of the European Parliament, would be allowed to visit Mr. Sands at his request in the hope they might persuade him to call off his fast.

Three Unionist members of the British parliament, angry at the news, met Northern Ireland Minister of State David Mitchell to urge the government to change its mind.

Afterwards, official Unionist Party leader James Molyneux described the meeting as stormy but said Mr. Mitchell told them he would pass their views on to Northern Ireland Secretary of State Humphrey Atkins.

Mr. Molyneux said that if the visit went ahead and its timing became public "there would be thousands of law-abiding people who would turn up without any incitement from anyone to show their disgust and displeasure at what was taking place."

The British government would not say when the visit will be, but there were signs it would take place today or tomorrow.

Tension in the province has risen sharply in the last few days with Mr. Sands the focus of rioting and demonstrations.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### U.S. baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 19 (A.P.) — The Oakland A's tied the major league record for most victories at the start of a season yesterday, defeating the Seattle Mariners 8-0 for their 10th triumph in a row. Sharing the spotlight with the red-hot A's, but in a losing cause was Cincinnati's Tom Seaver, who became the fifth pitcher in baseball history to strike out 3,000 batters in a career. The A's got six-hit pitching from Brian Kingman and put the game away with four-run first inning, highlighted by Mitchell Page's two-run double and rookie Shoety Babin's RBI single. The triumph tied the record for victories at the start of a season set by the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers and equaled by the 1962 Pittsburgh Pirates and the 1966 Cleveland Indians. Seaver struck out five batters in five innings, giving him 3,002, but Tony Scott drove in the runs with a pair of singles and a double to pace the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-4 victory over the Reds. Seaver Fanned Keita Hernandez in the fourth inning for no. 3,000. Back in the American League Carlton Fisk's two-run homer backed the five-hit pitching of Steve Trout and Lamarr Hoyt and led the Chicago White Sox to a 2-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox. Fisk's homer was his second game-winning blast against his former teammates. Dan Schatzeder pitched 5-3 in the first inning in relief and Lou Whitaker singled home the final run in a four-run sixth inning to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 for their fifth consecutive triumph. Bert Blyleven tossed a four-hitter and Joe Charboneau sparked a four-run sixth inning with a two-run single, leading the Cleveland Indians to a 5-0 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers. Buddy Bell drove in the tying run with a single in Texas' four-run fifth inning and then singled home the winner in the seventh as the Rangers downed the New York Yankees 6-4. The Rangers trailed 4-0, but Bump Wills socked a three-run homer in the fifth and singles by Mickey Rivers, Al Oliver and Bell tied the score. The Baltimore-Etansas City game was rained out. Elsewhere in the National League, Gary Carter and Andre Dawson slammed Montreal's first two home runs of the season and Bill Gullickson struck out 10 in eight innings, carrying the Expos to a 5-3 victory over the New York Mets. Lee Lacq doubled home the tie-breaking run in the 11th inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates downed the Houston Astros 6-3. Jason Thompson, who drove in two earlier runs with a homer and groundout, singled for his third RBI. The Astros tied the score in the bottom of the ninth on consecutive home runs by Jose Cruz and Art Howe. It was Howe's second of the game. In National League night action, Manny Trillo's two-out home run in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Tom Griffin hurled a four-hitter, recording his first complete game since 1976, and Joe Morgan belted a two-run homer as the San Francisco Giants whipped the Atlanta Braves 4-1.

### Datson Violet GT leads in Kenya Safari

NAIROBI, April 19 (A.P.) — Kenyan Shekhar Mehta, driving toward an unprecedented fourth victory in the Safari Rally, the world's toughest auto test, held a slim lead today after Sweden's Anders Kullang hit a cow and later drove into a ditch. With one-third of the 5,000-kilometre rally remaining, Mehta and co-driver Mike Doughty of Kenya, in a Datsun Violet GT, had 143 penalty points for lateness at time controls. Datsum teammates Rauno Aaltonen of Finland and Lofty Drews of Kenya had 147. Finns Timo Salonen and Seppo Harjanen, in another Datsun, were third with 155 points. Kenyans Mike Kirkland and Dave Haworth, in a Violet GT, had 205 points, apparently locking up a team win for the Japanese manufacturer. Kullang and Swedish co-driver Bruno Berglund, fifth with 261 points, could hope to win only if the first four cars collapsed.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Squatters occupy 139th building

WEST BERLIN, April 19 (A.P.) — About 30 students of Free University here moved into an empty government-owned building today to demonstrate their demand for more lower income housing in this and other West German cities, police here said. The building, owned by the West German finance administration, is the 139th abandoned building in this city that has been taken over by squatters during the past few months. A banner hung from the building by the illegal occupants demanded "freedom for arrested squatters." Although police searches of empty apartment houses and unused buildings in many of cities have for the most part been without incident, several of the searches have resulted in nasty clashes between police and squatters. In Berlin, Nuremberg and Munich squatters have been arrested in confrontations with police.

### Kidnapped Italian industrialist released

VIBO VALENTIA, Italy, April 19 (A.P.) — Kidnappers have released Rome industrialist Ercolo Bianchi, 59, on the outskirts of this southern Italian town after holding him for one year and four months, police said. No information was immediately available on whether a ransom had been paid. The bandits had demanded 4 billion lire (\$4 million). Mr. Bianchi, owner of a concrete-manufacturing firm, appeared to be in good health after the kidnappers dropped him off on an isolated road in the countryside of Calabria in the toe of the Italian boot. He was seized by five armed and masked men Dec. 12, 1979 as he left work in Rome.

### 2,000 march silently through W. Berlin

WEST BERLIN, April 19 (R) — About 2,000 demonstrators, watched by hundreds of police, marched silently through West Berlin yesterday to mark the death last Thursday of a jailed urban guerrilla hunger-striker. There was only one incident, when a group of youths overturned a parked loudspeaker van used in the campaign for next month's city elections. Police detained four of the militants. Earlier, they arrested two youths who climbed the tower of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church to hang a poster supporting imprisoned urban guerrillas. Justice authorities said the last three hunger-strikers have ended their 10-week fast in the expectation that their prison conditions would be eased. The 20 others had done so immediately after the death in Hamburg of Mr. Sigurd Debus, 38, who was serving a 12-year sentence for robbery and attempted bomb attacks. His death was the signal for a number of bombings the same night of buildings in West Berlin and several West German cities.

### 'Champ' makes a rare appearance

PORT HENRY, New York, April 19 (A.P.) — "Champ", an elusive serpent said to live in the depths of Lake Champlain, has been out for an early spring swim, residents of the area say. Mrs. Jane Sullivan of Port Henry — who said she never believed in the monster before — reported spotting the serpent Friday morning. "It seemed to play around for 45 minutes to an hour," she said. "It looked big and different than anything I've seen before." Mrs. Sullivan said she called Ms. Esther Waldron Clerk at the village hall, who went and caught a glimpse of her own. "It looked like the head of a big snake and it was black," Ms. Waldron said. "It came out of the water about a foot and a half and stayed up for 10 or 15 seconds each time." She said the lake remained calm as the creature "moved around about four times in about 20 minutes." Despite more than 100 reported sightings of "Champ" since the late 1800s, the creature has never been captured or any proof given for its existence.

## Afghan rebels' hijack attempt foiled at start

ISLAMABAD, April 19 (A.P.) — Radio Kabul reported yesterday that three armed Afghans were arrested last Wednesday at Kandahar airport in southwestern Afghanistan, and later confessed to having planned to hijack a domestic airliner to Pakistan.

The broadcast monitored here did not identify the trio but said they were followers of Mr. Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of the Pakistan-based Jamiat Islami insurgent group.

It said the three included two men and a woman.

The incident followed last month's successful hijacking of a Pakistani domestic jetliner by three gunmen who commandeered the aircraft to Kabul, the Afghan capital, and then Damascus, Syria.

Radio Kabul said Kandahar authorities became suspicious of the woman before she was to board a Kabul bound flight, detained her and her two male accomplices. She was found carrying a hand grenade and the men had firearms, it said.

They later confessed to having planned to seize control of the plane and force it to land in Quetta, capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan Province, about 200 kil-

ometres to the southeast, the state-controlled radio said.

It quoted the trio as saying that once the plane had been hijacked, Mr. Rabbani was to announce a list of demands for the aircraft's release.

A spokesman for the Jamiat Islami, reached by telephone in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, said Mr. Rabbani was in Lahore and declined to comment on the radio report until the insurgent leader's return.

The Jamiat Islami, a fundamentalist organisation with close ties with a right-wing Pakistani religious party, is one of six major Afghan exile groups based in Peshawar. It claims the allegiance of thousands of active Afghan resistance fighters.

Reports reaching New Delhi and Islamabad say that Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, is virtually in insurgent control. However, the airport is the site of a large Soviet camp and remains under the authority of the Kabul regime.

The airport, located about 16 kilometres out of town, was built with U.S. aid funds during the 1960s and is considered the best equipped in Afghanistan.

## Shroud of Turin is not 'just a painted fraud'

SANTA BARBARA, California, April 19 (R) — The shroud of Turin, believed by many to have been the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, is not just a painted fraud, a member of a scientific group studying the shroud has said.

But Mr. Samuel Pellicori said the group was not yet certain how the image on the shroud, which appears to be of a bloodied, bearded man, could have been imprinted on the cloth.

The 30-strong group of U.S. experts, who studied 2,000 photographs and conducted experiments on the shroud in 1978, have reached what Mr. Pellicori said were preliminary conclusions.

He said it would be extremely difficult to create the image, even in a modern laboratory.

"We know the shroud is at least 600 years old, and to have created the image then is beyond imagination," he said.

The image could have developed gradually as the cellulose in the linen underwent a chemical change in contact with a body, Mr. Pellicori said.

"Through a natural process, the cellulose is darkened and this could account for the body image," he said. "This is not a painted fraud, it is not a painted image."

A further study would be made of the photographs and the experts hoped eventually to be able to date the cloth.

Mr. Pellicori said the scientific group covered many different religious faiths and included non-religious members.

By Jeffrey Antevil

WASHINGTON — President Reagan intends to help rearm much of the non-communist world as well as fulfilling his promise to "rearm America," officials say.

Unlike President Carter, who came into office criticising America's role as "arms merchant to the world," President Reagan sees military sales abroad as an important tool of U.S. diplomacy.

"This administration understands that sales and provision of arms to people whose safety is important to you is part of foreign policy," Mr. James Buckley, under-secretary of state for security assistance, said in an interview with Reuters.

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By last year, with Mr. Carter also worried about potential threats in the Gulf region, Central America and elsewhere, sales were back to a sizeable \$15.3 billion.

A senior State Department official told reporters recently the Reagan administration considered arms sales a key part of long-term U.S. global security policy, particularly in showing friends

abroad "that we are a reliable partner."

A Pentagon official said the administration had no bias against arms sales but neither was it "committed to scattering arms around the world." He predicted there would be no return to the situation of the 1960s and early 1970s when the Pentagon was promoting sales aggressively.

In any case, some potential recipients were unable to pay for large purchases, and others were sensitive about appearing to join in a close military embrace with the United States.

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Scheduled for major increase in military aid are Egypt, Oman, Kenya, Tunisia, Sudan and Turkey, all located in or near the oil-producing Gulf region that has become a key focus of President Reagan's strategic concerns.

Security aid is the only major area other than the Pentagon where President Reagan proposes to increase his predecessor's budget.

In addition, he wants to see advanced weapons in areas where they have not gone before and open the way for sales to countries that have been barred because their human rights record or other reasons.

They include Argentina, criticised by human rights groups one of the worst violators, a Pakistan, the subject of a U.S. policy review that could result in substantial arms sale program though probably not before 1982.

The administration also hopes to sell more and better weapons, such as allies or friendly nations South Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, Chile, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Morocco.

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